**Name: The Sniper Story Questions Date:**

Directions: Please answer 16+ questions of your choice. Everyone should answer the last question.

1. What is the story about? Give a short summary of the story.
2. In the story what **conflicts** are created by the presence of the enemy sniper?
3. What is the point of view used in this story?
4. How does the narrative perspective of the story influence the way we experience it? How would the story be different if it were from the point of view of a different character?
5. What **change** becomes apparent in the sniper after he succeeds in killing his opponent? How do you **explain** this change?
6. Describe the **time** **period** of the story.
7. Describe the **setting** of the story.
8. Describe the **characters** in the story.
9. What is one event that contributes to the **rising action**?
10. What is the **climax** of the story?
11. What is one event that contributes to the **falling action**?
12. What is the **resolution** of the story?
13. “The Sniper” Takes place during the Irish Civil War (1922-1923). What do you think O’Flaherty is trying to say about the war in this story?
14. **Tone** is *the attitude an author has toward what she or he is writing*. What is the **tone** of this story? How do you think the author feels about the subject he is writing about?
15. What **character trait** causes the sniper to **risk** being shot by a machine gun near the end of the story?
16. Who is the **protagonist** of the story? Who is the **antagonist**?
17. How does the author use the element of **suspense** in “The Sniper”? What happens that creates **suspense**?
18. Could the situation in the story happen **today**? How could it happen or never happen?
19. Write a **new ending** for the story in 6+ sentences. Write an ending that will surprise, impress, or terrify your audience.

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